

21. (Amended) The method of CLAIM 16 [18], wherein said step of (c) further comprises the steps of:

(c1) securing a first pair of said four expandable corners by placing a pair of hands in a first respective pair of said oblong apertures [on hooking members] and lifting said geometrically-shaped planar substrate; and,

(c2) placing a pair of hands in a second pair of said oblong apertures and lift said geometrically-shaped planar substrate.

REMARKS

Claims 1 - 21 are in the case; Claims 1, 4 - 7, 16, 19, 20 and 21 have been amended; and, Claims 2, 3, 17 and 18 have been canceled.

It is believed that no additional filing fees are due; however, should there be an error and additional fees are due, please charge such fees to **DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 02-2872**.

The application was filed with an informal drawing which is acceptable for examination purposes until such time as allowable subject matter is indicated. The Examiner's objections to the drawing are noted. Upon indication of allowable subject matter, a new drawing will be filed with the necessary changes incorporated therein. The drawing was objected to under 37 CFR §1.83(a) because "the securing of the 2nd pair of expandable corners by hooking members and the placing of hands in the 2nd pair of oblong apertures to lift the substrate" recited in Claim 21 is not shown

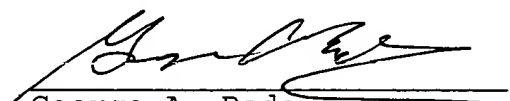
in the drawing. Claim 21 has been amended to remove any feature (i.e., hooking members) not shown in the drawing so as to overcome this ground for objection (FIGURE 6 illustrates placing of hands in both pairs of oblong apertures to lift the substrate).

The Examiner rejected Claim 21 under 35 U.S. Code § 112, second paragraph, as being "indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention." It is submitted that Claim 16 (which now incorporates the limitations of original Claim 21 and any intervening claims) and Claim 21 have been amended with proper antecedent to now be definite.

The Examiner rejected Claims 1 - 2 and 5 - 6 under 35 U.S. Code § 103(a): as being "unpatentable by Hahn 4,500,129 in view of Osborn 4682447 (Sic)"; and, Claims 16 - 20, as being "unpatentable by in (Sic) Payne 5743636 in view of Hahn 4,500,129 and Osborn 4580372 (Sic)." The Examiner further objected to Claims 3 - 4, 7 and 21 "as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims." Finally, the Examiner has allowed Claims 8 - 15. Claim 1, the rejected independent apparatus claim, has been amended to include the limitations of allowable Claim 3, and all the limitations of any intervening claims (Claim 2). Independent Claim 16, the rejected independent method claim, has been amended to include the limitations of allowable Claim 21, and all the limitations of any intervening claims (Claims 17 and 18).

Based on the above amendments and remarks, it is submitted that all of the claims remaining in the case are now allowable and an early Notice of the same is respectfully solicited. If the Examiner feels a telephone conference will in any way expedite the disposition of this matter, he is respectfully invited to contact this attorney at (504) 861-8288.

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